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What is claimed is:

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1 1. A method comprising:  
2 determining an identification corresponding to a device; and  
3 remotely loading a user interface from a remote source wherein the user interface  
4 corresponds to the identification of the device.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the identification is selected from the group  
2 consisting of global unique identification (GUID) and unit information (UINFO).

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 remotely searching for a user interface corresponding to the identification.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the remote source includes the World Wide  
2 Web.

1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 remotely loading a user interface corresponding to the identification if a user  
3 interface corresponding to the identification is not found by searching locally.

1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein locally searching includes searching the  
2 storage medium of a controller.

1 7. The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
2 loading a basic user interface if a user interface corresponding to the  
3 identification is not found by searching remotely.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the basic user interface can be modified  
2 through an user input.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface is loaded on a controller.

1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface controls the device  
2 operation.

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1 11. A method comprising:  
2 determining an identification corresponding to a device;  
3 loading a particular user interface wherein the particular user interface  
4 corresponds to the identification of the device; and  
5 loading a basic user interface if the particular user interface is not found.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the identification is selected from the group  
2 consisting of global unique identification (GUID) and unit information (UINFO).

1 13. The method of claim 11, further comprising:  
2 locally searching for a particular user interface; and  
3 remotely searching for a particular user interface if a particular user interface  
4 is not found by searching locally.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein locally searching includes searching a  
2 storage medium of a controller.

1 15. The method of claim 13, wherein remotely searching includes searching the  
2 World Wide Web.

1 16. The method of claim 11, wherein the basic user interface can be modified  
2 through user input.

1 17. The method of claim 11, wherein the user interface is loaded on a controller.

1 18. The method of claim 11, wherein the user interface controls the device  
2 operation.

1 19. A device controller comprising:  
2 a processor; and  
3 the device controller configured to detect the coupling of a device to a first  
4 communication medium, to load a user interface that corresponds to an  
5 identification received from the device on the device controller, and to load a basic  
6 user interface on the device controller if a user interface that corresponds to the  
7 identification is not found.

1 20. The device controller of claim 19, further comprising:  
2 the device controller is configured to search for a user interface  
3 corresponding to the identification at the locations selected from the group  
4 consisting of a storage medium coupled to the processor and a remote network.

1 21. The device controller of claim 20, further comprising:  
2 the device controller is configured to search the remote network if a user interface  
3 corresponding to the identification is not found by searching the storage medium  
4 coupled to the processor.

1 22. The device controller of claim 19, wherein the first communication medium  
2 is an IEEE 1394 protocol compliant.

1 23. The device controller of claim 20, wherein searching the remote network  
2 includes searching across the first communication medium.

1 24. The device controller of claim 23, wherein the first communication medium  
2 is the World Wide Web.

1 25. The device controller of claim 20, wherein the storage medium is selected  
2 from the group consisting of memory and storage devices.

1 26. The device controller of claim 19, wherein the identification is selected from  
2 the group consisting of global unique identification (GUID) and unit information  
3 (UINFO).

1 27. The device controller of claim 19, further comprising a library of customizing  
2 tools for a user to modify the basic user interface prior to the loading on the device  
3 controller.

1 28. The device controller of claim 19, further comprising the device controller  
2 controls the device operation through the user interface.

1 29. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions to  
2 translate instructions, the set instructions, which when executed by a processor,  
3 cause the processor to perform a method comprising:  
4       determining an identification corresponding to a device; and  
5       remotely loading a user interface from a remote source wherein the user  
6       interface corresponds to the identification of device.

1 30. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the identification is  
2 selected from the group consisting of global unique identification (GUID) or unit  
3 information (UINFO).

1 31. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, further comprising:  
2 remotely searching for a user interface corresponding to the identification.

1 32. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the remote source  
2 includes the World Wide Web.

1 33. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, further comprising:  
2 remotely loading a user interface corresponding to the identification if a user  
3 interface corresponding to the identification is not found by searching locally.

1 34. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein locally searching  
2 includes searching the storage medium of a controller.

1 35. The computer readable medium of claim 31, further comprising:  
2 loading a basic user interface if a user interface corresponding to the  
3 identification is not found by searching remotely.

1 36. The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein the basic user interface  
2 can be modified through an user input.

1 37. The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the user interface is  
2 loaded on a controller.

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1 38. The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the user interface  
2 controls the device operation.